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MINUTES – C.E.S. REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 7, 2022

VIA ZOOM & LIMITED IN PERSON

PRESENT:

- Laura Gibbons - EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9
- Devon Wible - EASTON/REDDING/REG. 9 (Alt.)
- Christina Vitale - FAIRFIELD
- Bonnie Rotelli - FAIRFIELD
- Karen Hirsh - GREENWICH
- Nick Kapoor - MONROE
- Mary Ellen Flaherty-
Ludwig - NORWALK
- Kate Kutash - SHELTON (Vice President)
- Andy George - STAMFORD (President)
- Becky Hamman - STAMFORD
- Andrea Corcoran - STRATFORD
- Marie Pettiti - TRUMBULL
- Debbie Low - WILTON (Secretary)

ABSENT:

- John Weldon - BRIDGEPORT
- VACANT - DARIEN
- VACANT - NEW CANAAN
- Tina Malhotra - RIDGEFIELD
- David Felton - WESTON
- Robert Harrington - WESTPORT

C.E.S.:

PRESENT: Charles Dumais, Chris LaBelle, Lori Elliott, Eric Nyquist, Anna Nelmes-Stoughton, Peggy Sullivan, Mike McGrath, Ivy Guzman, Stephanie Wanzer. **ABSENT:** Suzanne Clement

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

President Andy George called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Quorum was confirmed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting were approved with two abstentions. (Hirsh, Gibbons)

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1 **III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 2 • Stephanie Wanzer took the opportunity to thank two retiring, long-term
3 administrators: Wendy Wilson Russell, Director of Related Services and
4 Terri Garrity, Program Administrator for the TLC program. Wendy and
5 Terri have a combined total of 80 years of services at CES.
6 Congratulations Wendy and Terri – here’s to a long, healthy & happy
7 retirement!

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9 **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

10 On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the Consent
11 Agenda was unanimously approved.

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13 **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 14 1. On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Debbie Low, the Board
15 unanimously approved Venman & Co., for auditing services for the fiscal
16 year ending June 30, 2022.
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18 2. On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Mary Ellen Flaherty-Ludwig,
19 the Board unanimously approved the CES Five Year Capital Plan for the
20 fiscal years 2021-22 through 2025-2026.
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22 3. On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate Kutash, the Board
23 unanimously authorized Peggy Sullivan, Director of Finance & Operations,
24 to enter into and sign a lease agreement for a new radio system for staff at
25 our special education center and Six to Six Magnet School.
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27 4. Chip spoke about his current goals for this school year asking for
28 clarification, feedback or suggestions from the Board. All report items are
29 categorized and developed with the leadership team at CES and then
30 shared with the Council for review, feedback and revision based on district
31 needs. Chip will send out his executive director’s reports from September
32 2021-April 2022 to the Board for review. Chip will also include the
33 categories that correspond to his goal reports each month. At the May
34 meeting, Chip will prepare an oral report to be discussed in executive
35 session; following that session, Chip will ask that the Board give their
36 permission to Andy George to negotiate the terms of the contract and
37 discuss with Chip future goals. At the June meeting, Chip will ask the Board
38 to consider the negotiated terms of his contract and extend its term an
39 additional year. (See minute mark **18:17** for full discussion.)
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42 **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- 43 1. On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Karen Hirsh, CES Policy
44 No. 5.021 – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion was unanimously adopted as
45 presented.
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1 **VII. REPORTS – SEE MINUTE MARK 25:04 FOR THE START OF REPORTS &**
2 **DISTRICT CONCERNS IN LINK BELOW:**

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4 1. **Representative Council President** – Andy George
5 2. **Executive Director** – Chip Dumais
6 3. **Associate Executive Director** – Chris LaBelle
7 4. **Director, Professional Development Services** – Lori Elliott
8 5. **Principal, Regional Center for the Arts** – Eric Nyquist
9 6. **Principal, Six to Six** – Anna Nelmes-Stoughton
10 7. **Director of Finance & Operations** – Peggy Sullivan
11 8. **Director, Special Education** – Mike McGrath
12 9. **Director, School Readiness** – Ivy Guzman
13 10. **Early Childhood Coordinator** – Suzanne Clement (absent)

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15 **Link:** <https://youtu.be/g5NEJUg1fe4>

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18 **VIII. DISTRICT CONCERNS** – See minute mark **1:04:30**

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21 **IX. ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Andy George and seconded by Kate
22 Kutash, the Council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 p.m.
23 **Next meeting: May 5, 2022 @ 3 pm.**

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26 Respectfully submitted,

27 *Barbara Pace*

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29 Recording Secretary